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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEXT STEPS ON NAMIBIA NEGOTIATIONS

1. FOR USUN: YOU SHOULD ARRANGE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF  
CONTACT GROUP TO MEET ON THURSDAY, MAY 26. IN DOING  
SO, YOU SHOULD TELL THEM THAT WE HOPE AT THE MEETING  
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TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE AS IT  
CONCERNS OUR COMMON INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA. IN ADDITION,  
AMBASSADOR MCHENRY WILL PLAN TO BRIEF MEMBERS OF THE  
CONTACT GROUP ON VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S DISCUSSIONS  
WITH VORSTER REGARDING NAMIBIA.

2. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT VORSTER DISCUSSIONS LEAD US TO

APPROACH THE QUESTION OF FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WITH A SENSE OF URGENCY. VORSTER CONFIRMED OUR IMPRESSION THAT HE WANTS TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING ON NAMIBIA; HE HAS ASKED TO MEET WITH THE CONTACT GROUP IN CAPE TOWN BEFORE THE END OF MAY TO HEAR DETAILS OF A PROPOSED INTERIM CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY AND TO SEE IF IMPARTIAL BROADLY BASED AND INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE STRUCTURE CAN BE FOUND. VORSTER SAID SAG WILL ALSO PROVIDE VIEWS ON POLITICAL PRISONERS AND ON THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS TO SETTLE

DISPUTES AND TO DISCUSS WITHDRAWAL. VORSTER SAID OTHER REMAINING ISSUES ALSO CAN BE DISCUSSED.

3. WE THUS HOPE THAT MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP BY THURSDAY WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS PROCEDURE AND TACTICS, AN AGENDA AND A DATE FOR THE FORTHCOMING CAPE TOWN MEETINGS (WE RECOGNIZE DATE MIGHT SLIP), AS WELL AS ON SUBSTANCE. IN THAT CONNECTION, WE ENCOURAGE CONTACT GROUP TO CONSIDER, IF ONLY PRELIMINARILY, FURTHER ALTERNATIVES AND OPTIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA'S IDEAS REGARDING A CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY AND ALSO TO DISCUSS TIMING AND NATURE OF INVOLVEMENT BY THE UN SYG, BOTH IN NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND SUPERVISING TRANSFER OF POWER. FINALLY, WE HOPE THAT MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS IN A VERY GENERAL SENSE STAGES AND TIMETABLE FOR NAMIBIA BETWEEN PRESENT AND EVENTUAL INDEPENDENCE.

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4. FOR BONN, LONDON, OTTAWA, PARIS: YOU SHOULD SHARE FOREGOING WITH FOREIGN OFFICES, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT WHILE A GOOD DEAL IS EXPECTED OF THE CONTACT GROUP IN A VERY SHORT TIME, IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT MEMBERS OF THE CONTACT GROUP CAPITALIZE ON ACHIEVEMENTS IN MAPUTO AND VIENNA. WE HOPE THAT THE; WILL PROVIDE THEIR REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK WITH FAIRLY BROAD INSTRUCTIONS WHICH WILL ALLOW THE GROUP TO DEVELOP A POSITION ON WHICH THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS CAN COMMENT AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENDORSE.

5. FOR LUSAKA: YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN MAPUTO, SWAPO PROMISED US WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE CAPE TOWN TALKS (MAPUTO'S 548). WHILE WE DO NOT PROPOSE YOU PRESS FOR THESE COMMENTS (ALTHOUGH IT WOULD CLEARLY BE IMPORTANT TO HAVE THEM IN HAND IN PLANNING FOR RENEWAL OF THE CAPE TOWN TALKS), YOU MIGHT TAKE EARLY OCCASION TO CONFIRM THIS UNDERSTANDING WITH SWAPO AND TO SAY

THAT WE AWAIT COMMENTS WITH INTEREST. YOU SHOULD, OF  
COURSE, COORDINATE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF CONTACT GROUP.

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